

ITALY STERNLY STOPS WAR DEMONSTRATIONS; 600 RIOTERS ARRESTED

Troopers Ride Down Crowds in Rome and Prevent Harangues of Interventionists—10,000 Soldiers on Guard.

ROME, April 12. Six hundred rioters, arrested in riots caused by pro-war demonstrations in Rome, Brescia, Lathorn, Naples and other cities, were released today on the payment of small fines or with warnings. That Italy intends to preserve neutrality is shown by the firm hand with which she is putting down war riots. While the pro-war demonstrations were taking place here, every street leading to the Embassies, Consulates and Royal Palace was closed by troops, 10,000 of whom were on duty to check the expected rioting. The various meetings called by the interventionist leaders were attended by 65,000 persons, who cheered the addresses calling upon Italy to join the Allies and offered every mention of Austria and Germany. Professor Benito Mussolini, editor of the interventionist daily Popolo Italia, was arrested just as he began a harangue against the Government. The crowd attempted to rescue him from the police, but after seven persons had been knocked unconscious the editor was conveyed to headquarters. Among those who attempted to rescue Mussolini was Signor Marinetti, the futurist leader, who had come here from Milan with his followers. Marinetti was also arrested. The situation became worse as darkness fell, and cavalry and mounted carabinieri charged the crowd, many being trampled or bruised. In the meantime the supporters of neutrality had organized a counter-demonstration in Termini Square. This provoked additional disorders. During the evening our service was partially suspended in the center of the city. The Government announced today that hereafter all persons responsible for organizing war demonstrations will be placed under arrest and severely as violators of Italian neutrality.

GERMANS INFLICT TERRIBLE LOSS

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GERMANS CHECK FRENCH, INFLECTING GREAT LOSS

Berlin Reports Offensive Between Meuse and Moselle Broken. BERLIN, April 12. The new French attempt to crush the German wedge between the Meuse and Moselle has been defeated with enormous losses, according to dispatches received here today. While the onslaughts continue with great fierceness, the enemy has suffered a definite check on both sides of the wedge. The French losses in the last week's fighting in this region were variously estimated at between 3,500 and 4,000. Though large bodies of troops have been thrown against the St. Mihiel-Etain line—the northern side of the German wedge—the gains made by the French have been of no military importance. In the center the French succeeded in advancing their lines a few hundred yards, but have been unable to make further progress because of the dominant position of the German artillery around Combrès.

The French gain in this locality has been more than offset by losses on the southern side of the wedge, extending from St. Mihiel eastward to Pont-a-Mousson. By sharp counter attacks the Germans have advanced their lines at several points, notably in the Alilly and Le Pretre Forest, at the same time repelling the most furious French attacks.

FRENCH HALT OFFENSIVE MOVES IN WOEVRE REGION

Attacks on German Wedge Await Arrival of Reinforcements. PARIS, April 12. The French offensive in the region between the Meuse and Moselle has been halted temporarily, according to dispatches received here today. Pending the redistribution of the French forces and the arrival of more reinforcements, there has been a complete lull in activities along the northern side of the German wedge. Some fighting is going on in the Le Pretre Forest, northwest of Pont-a-Mousson. The official communique from the War Office this afternoon announced the defeat of two German counter attacks on the western fringe, where the French hold a chain of strong blockhouses. Engagements around Albert, begun Saturday, continued throughout Sunday, according to official dispatches. Fighting is also going on between the Oise and the Aisne.

BATTLE RAGES ALONG ENTIRE WESTERN LINE

From Flanders to Vosges Armies Are Locked in Deadly Embrace. PARIS, April 12. The French official communique today shows that violent fighting has been resumed on almost the entire battle front from Flanders to the Vosges. It states that fighting went on all day Sunday in the region of Albert. Artillery duels also took place between the Oise and Aisne Rivers and in Champagne. The forest of Le Pretre is still the stage of conflict. In an attempt to recover their lost ground the Germans made two counter attacks there, but both were repulsed.

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GERMANY ASSEMBLES GREAT AIR FLEET FOR BRITISH RAID

Five Hundred and Fifty Aeroplanes and Zeppelins Ready to Strike in June. PARIS, April 12. Five hundred and fifty Zeppelins and aeroplanes have been assembled by the Germans for a raid over England in June, according to information just brought to Paris. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs today gave out a statement from a Spanish traveler, who has returned from Germany, saying that everybody there is predicting the greatest air raid ever launched in June, in which 150 Zeppelins and 400 aeroplanes, all fitted with aluminum motors, will take part.

GERMAN SUBMARINES CLAIM MORE VICTIMS

Two British Vessels Torpedoed, One Hits Rocks in Flight; French Ship Damaged. LONDON, April 12. The British liner Wayfarer, a vessel of 838 tons, is the latest victim of Germany's submarine warfare and the largest merchant vessel that has been torpedoed since the war began. Announcement of the Wayfarer's disaster was made today shortly after news had been received of the destruction of the small steamship Guernsey while it was trying to escape from a submarine in the English channel. While the first announcement of the attack on the Wayfarer stated that she had been sunk, later advices cast some doubt on this. A later message from Liverpool stated that the vessel was in a sinking condition, but was being towed toward Queenstown. The Wayfarer was torpedoed off the Scilly Islands, where several other ships have been destroyed. The Guernsey, bringing a cargo from the Channel Islands, was wrecked Friday night while it was attempting to run away from a submarine believed to be the U-31. It crashed at full speed upon rocks almost in the shadow of a lighthouse that had been darkened because of the war. Seven members of the Guernsey's crew, including Captain Woods, were drowned. The ship, which was of 334 tons, and hailed from Southampton, went to pieces so quickly that it was possible to launch only one boat. The Wayfarer, built in 1903 at Belfast, hauled from Liverpool and was a steel, twin-screw, four-masted steamship, 265 feet long, with a breadth of 28 feet 3 inches. Ten members of the crew of the Glasgow steamship President, attacked by the German submarine U-4 of 230-tonneton, in the Channel Saturday, arrived at Brixham, towed by a fishing boat. The commander of the submarine gave the crew 10 minutes in which to leave and then ordered bombs touched off in the vessel's hold. The President was still afloat when the crew towed away. The French steamship Frederick Franck, torpedoed off Starpoint yesterday and towed into Plymouth, was only slightly damaged. It was announced today.

Dutch Order Liner to Leave

LONDON, April 12.—A dispatch from Amsterdam says that the North German Lloyd steamship Main, which, since the beginning of the war, has been anchored in the Flushing roadstead, has received from the military authorities orders to leave today. Otherwise she will be interned.

GERMANS OFFICIALLY DENY FRENCH CLAIMS OF WOEVRE SUCCESS

Epargès Not Taken and Positions on Combrès Heights Maintained, Says Report From Great Headquarters. BERLIN, April 12. Complete successes for the Germans all along the battle front in the Woëvre district is claimed in a detailed statement from general headquarters. This communication, which was issued today, dwells upon the exceptionally heavy losses suffered by the French in the fighting between the Meuse and Moselle Rivers, and denies the claim of the French War Office that General Joffre's forces stormed Combrès Heights or captured Epargès. The report says that on April 7, 8 and 9 the French made many attacks, making some temporary gains, but were later driven from the captured positions. To April 7 French attacks were exclusively directed against both German wings. [Note.—The wings stretch from a point north of Verdun in an irregular line to the forest of Le Pretre (Prietwält), thence to St. Mihiel.] Subsequently the French opened attacks against the center of the German line. During the night of April 7-8 there were artillery actions at several points, particularly at Combrès Heights, and also between Roméville and Fay-en-Haye. In addition infantry attacks were delivered. During the night of April 8-9 heavy fighting took place on Combrès Heights, the French using reserves. The following morning they succeeded in occupying

some trenches we had evacuated, owing to the severe artillery fire directed against them. During the day we succeeded in driving the French from part of the trenches and we maintained our principal positions in their entirety. A fresh French attack with superior forces obliged us to evacuate again part of our intrenchments. The report then says: "In the afternoon of the 10th the French advanced on the whole line against our position on Combrès Heights, breaking through at one point and reaching the foot of the slope before the attack broke down under the fire of our second line troops. Our troops maintained possession of Combrès Heights. "Part of our advanced position was regained through a counter attack. A second French attack was effectively stopped by our artillery fire. During the night the enemy bombarded the village on Combrès Heights. "On April 10 there was an artillery combat all along the line. Our aerial observers noted that the French were throwing up fresh earthworks and bringing up reinforcements. These were heavily bombarded by us. "The enemy did not attack at Epargès. "At the foot of Combrès Heights strong French forces were bombarded by our artillery. On the 10th the French made only one attack in the forest of Le Pretre and this was repulsed. This day, like all previous ones, ended in complete German success on all fronts. All trenches lost in these fights were recovered with the exception of a small and unimportant portion. " [Note.—The French have laid stress upon the importance of their capture of Epargès.]

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GERMAN RAIDER SCORNS FOES. Continued from Page One. her intended departure. The only chance for the raider, naval experts believe, would be for her to go out in a heavy storm. Its bottom, they said, was thickly covered with seaweed; its port side was damaged from just aft the pilot house to the first-class steeple entrance; its decks were torn up inside the cabins, where coal was poured into the bunkers; several of its plates were sprung below the water line; it had taken in considerable water, and it showed a 17-degree list to port. According to officers of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which interned here last week, the failure of the British fleet off the Capes to prevent the Wilhelm from entering port in safety would cost the English admiral his command. The United States authorities requested his stay in American waters. The German commander then notified the customs officials that it might be necessary for him to invade some of the members of his crew here, because they are suffering from berli.

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